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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE BYROADE

FOR SANDERHOFF FROM BYROADE

1. DEPENDENT OF COURSE ON CONFIRMATION BY THE SENATE,
MRS. BYROADE AND I LOOK FORWARD WITH PLEASURE TO ARRIVAL
ISLAMABAD. IT IS TOO EARLY AS YET TO SET A DATE, BUT I
WOULD HOPE WE COULD ARRIVE IN ABOUT FOUR WEEKS.

2. FOLLOWING CONFIRMATION I WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH THE
POST ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES THAT MAY ARISE. PENDING THAT
TIME, HERewith A FEW DETAILS ON ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE:

A. PLEASE ASK ADMIN TO GO AHEAD WITH ANY PAINTING THOUGHT
NECESSARY IN THE RESIDENCE WELL PRIOR TO OUR ARRIVAL.
WE FOUND OUT IN OUR LAST POST THAT OUR SMALL DAUGHTER
IS SO ALLERGIC TO NEW PAINT THAT WE HAD TO VACATE THE
RESIDENCE WHILE IT WAS BEING PAINTED.

B. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WITH ITS LONG VACANCY,
THE RESIDENCE IS AT PRESENT ONLY VERY SPARSELY STAFFED.

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ASK ADMIN TO ATTEMPT TO RECRUIT MINIMUM ESSENTIAL STAFF

AND HAVE IN PLACE FOR OUR ARRIVAL. NEW EMPLOYEES, OF COURSE, SHOULD BE ON TEMPORARY BASIS PENDING OUR APPROVAL. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT IT APPEARS ALL

SERVANTS ARE NORMALLY MALE. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, LIKE TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE FEMALE IN THE HOUSE BECAUSE OF EIGHT YEAR OLD DAUGHTER. IN MANILA A COUPLE OF OUR REGULAR FEMALE SERVANTS SERVED AS BABY SITTERS, BUT UNDERSTAND THAT FEMALES IN PAKISTAN MAY ONLY BE WILLING TO WORK IN CAPACITY OF AYAH. WHATEVER PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE ON THIS PROBLEM WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED.

C. AM PLANNING TO BRING AS SECRETARIAL ASSISTANT MISS EDITH AHLES, WHO WAS WITH ME IN RANGOON AND MANILA. PERSONNEL TELLS ME THAT THEY WANT NANCY FRENCH TO STAY UNTIL ABOUT THE END OF THE YEAR TO HELP US IN FRONT OFFICE UNTIL SECOND SECRETARY IS ASSIGNED. I DO HOPE THAT THIS WILL BE SATISFACTORY TO HER.

D. EDITH AHLES HAD PLANNED TO ORDER NEW SMALL CAR DIRECT FROM FACTORY FOR SHIPMENT TO POST BUT NOW UNDERSTANDS THIS NOT ALLOWED, I.E., THAT ONLY PREVIOUSLY OWNED CAR CAN BE SHIPPED. PLEASE VERIFY WHETHER THIS CORRECT, AND WHETHER IT GENERALLY THOUGHT BETTER TO ATTEMPT TO PURCHASE LOCALLY SMALL CAR SUCH AS MAVERICK, OR BUY ONE HERE AND SHIP FROM HERE.

3. INCIDENTALLY, MY FAMILY IN ISLAMABAD WILL CONSIST OF ONLY MRS. BYROADE AND DAUGHTER, LINDA, WITH NO ACCOMPANYING PETS OR OTHER PROBLEMS. REGARDS TO EUNICE, THE INGRAHAMS, AND OTHERS WHO MAY KNOW US AT YOUR POST.
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